

Section 43.02(a) [43.02(a)(1)], Penal Code[, in which the defendant offered or agreed to engage in or engaged in sexual conduct for a fee].

SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 43.02, Penal Code, apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on March 30, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 20, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

APPLICABILITY OF THE TEXAS MASS GATHERINGS ACT TO CERTAIN HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACES

CHAPTER 1274

S.B. No. 917

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of the Texas Mass Gatherings Act to certain horse and greyhound races.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 751, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 751.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 751.0021. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACES.

(a) This chapter applies to a horse or greyhound race that attracts or is expected to attract at least 100 persons, except that this chapter does not apply if the race is held at a location at which pari-mutuel wagering is authorized under the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

(b) This section does not legalize any activity prohibited under the Penal Code or other state law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 21, 2015: Yeas 25, Nays 5; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 71, Nays 67, two present not voting.

Approved June 20, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

AUTHORITY OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS TO REVIEW TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTIONS THAT ENABLE IMPORTS OR EXPORTS FROM THE ERCOT POWER GRID

CHAPTER 1275

S.B. No. 933

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to review transmission interconnections that enable imports or exports from the ERCOT power grid.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 37.051, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (c-3) to read as follows:

(c-1) *Notwithstanding any other provision of this title except Section 11.009, and except as provided by Subsection (c-2), a person, including an electric utility or municipally owned utility, may not interconnect a facility to the ERCOT transmission grid that enables additional power to be imported into or exported out of the ERCOT power grid unless the person obtains a certificate from the commission stating that public convenience and necessity requires or will require the interconnection. The person must apply for the certificate not later than the 180th day before the date the person seeks any order from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission related to the interconnection. The commission shall apply Section 37.056 in considering an application under this subsection. In addition, the commission must determine that the application is consistent with the public interest before granting the certificate. The commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection. This subsection does not apply to a facility that is in service on December 31, 2014.*

(c-2) *The commission, not later than the 185th day after the date the application is filed, shall approve an application filed under Subsection (c-1) for a facility that is to be constructed under an interconnection agreement appended to an offer of settlement approved in a final order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that was issued in Docket No. TX11-01-001 on or before December 31, 2014, directing physical connection between the ERCOT and SERC regions under Sections 210, 211, and 212 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. Sections 824i, 824j, and 824k). In approving the application, the commission may prescribe reasonable conditions to protect the public interest that are consistent with the final order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.*

(c-3) *Nothing in Subsection (c-1) or (c-2) is intended to restrict the authority of the commission or the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region to adopt rules or protocols of general applicability.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 14, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2015: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

**TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION, THE
ACCREDITATION OF CRIME LABORATORIES, AND THE
LICENSING AND REGULATION OF FORENSIC ANALYSTS;
AUTHORIZING FEES; REQUIRING AN OCCUPATIONAL
LICENSE**

CHAPTER 1276

S.B. No. 1287

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Forensic Science Commission, the accreditation of crime laboratories, and the licensing and regulation of forensic analysts; authorizing fees; requiring an occupational license.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: